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Wildfire Safety Training for Reporters and Photographers

Sacramento- Hot, dry, windy conditions have caused recent wildfires in California to be unusually aggressive for this time of year. And since we know that California will get hotter and dryer as the summer goes on, it is reasonable to expect even more erratic fire behavior. Therefore, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) recommends that reporters and photographers who will be covering wildfires this year take a basic fire safety class such as the one we offer on Tuesday June 26, 2001 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Covering a wildfire, even "just a grassfire" can be dangerous for reporters and photographers unless they understand the basics of fire behavior, and what to do in case the worst happens. With that in mind, the CDF will present a half-day training for media representatives who will be going to wildfires this summer.

The training will include:

- How to use the system to get the story safely and quickly
- Media access rights and laws
- The basics of wildfire behavior – what to watch for
- Professional recommendations on how to survive in several emergency situations.

Dress is casual, because we will practice the timed deployment of an emergency fire shelter.

What: Media Safety Training
When: Tuesday June 26, 2001
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: CDF Headquarters
1416 9th St. Room 1506
Sacramento, California

Last minute attendees will be welcome, but we would appreciate confirmations in order to plan for handouts and fire shelters. Please call (916) 653-5123.

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